

Purpose & Focus

To teach participants how to think creatively, work as a team, and negotiate and compromise.

Participants

Any number of participants.

Time Allotment 30+ Minutes

Activity Level High

Materials

None, or anything laying around

Method

- Divide the participants into groups of 4 to 5. Discuss how much having fun together is tied to respect for each other.
- Give groups about 15-20 minutes to come up with a challenging small group activity. Then all groups come together and take turns to present their activity.
- Groups earn points if: No other group can beat them at their activity (+2) or can do another group's activity (+1).
- Be warned: This is harder than it sounds requires all elements of teamwork including creativity, communication, trust, problem solving, time management, etc.
- To help groups succeed, check in with the progress during planning. Help with ideas or problem solving strategies if the group is struggling. Encourage creative out-of-the-box thinking e.g., singing, dancing, joke telling, non-verbal, as well as physical or mental-type activities.

Discussion

- Talk about some negotiation or compromise that happened while you were deciding what to do.
- Were you all happy with the outcome of what you picked?